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 For: EXERCISE DEVICE WITH CENTRALLY MOUNTED)
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___ Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

____ Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 listing 45 references submitted for consideration.

X Copies of each of the required 14 references listed on the Form PTO-1449.

____ English translations as indicated on the Form PTO-1449 of the references which are not in the English language.

____ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:

____ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and

____ Form PTO-892

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of or any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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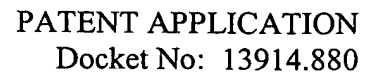
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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the required references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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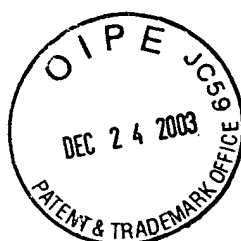
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U.S. Patent Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
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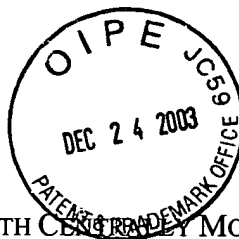
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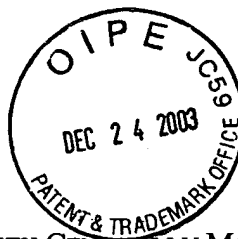
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References Cited by Applicants

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Each citation initialed by the Examiner will be printed on the issued patent in the same manner as references cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892.

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